HOW TO
KCFAST THROUGH THE WEB WITH FTP
TO OBTAIN HISTORICAL FIRE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
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1.   Sign onto the internet
2.   Go to http://famweb.usda.gov/
3.   Go to KCFAST click on the button
4.   **Go to SETUP**
5.   Type in your username: **ops$bia0085**
6.   Note: use all lowercase letters
                Note: the last part of the user name is your WIMS Username. You MUST use the "ops$"
                in front of your username (how obvious)
7.   Type in your password: **KCFSIT**
8.   Enter you email address such as R_McCrea@nps.gov
9.   Enter yourd FTP site address (this is where you want your data sent to) such as:
        ftp://fire.nifc.nps.gov (for file transfer protocol). This is for you folks that will be using the
        national Park Service FTP site. You can also use the US Forest Service FTP site if you so
        desire.
10.   Under pathname: put FMPC (this is the directory at the NPS site that your file will reside under

11.   To obtain historical weather observations for a given station go to *Weather*
12.   Go to: *Data Extract*
13.   Go to: *Historical*
14.   Enter the *Station Number* and *Dates* you desire information (use the format as per the example
        on that page.
15.   Check the box *Rawdata format 1972 Format*. This is also the default value.
16.   Click on *Send File to FTP Site*. This is also the default value
17.   Screen to the bottom of the page and click on: *Submit*
18.   The computer processes your request which takes a few seconds. After a few seconds at the top
        of your screen (you should still be in the KCFAST web page). This message will look like
        something as below:

            FTP REQUEST CONFIRMATION

                The FTP file request has been received.
                The file 'wxobs72a!241403!01-JAN-1978!31-DEC-1998.fwx' will be
                transferred to FTP site - fire.nifc.nps.gov .

        Note: This is the request I made for historical weather for station 241403 for the dates as
        indicated. The system give your file a default file name (see the example above). If you do not
        receive some kind of message as above, something wrong as occurred (now that never happens
        does it?)

19.   To retrieve your file you requested go the the National Park Service web page:
        http://fire.nifc.nps.gov/fire/default.htm
20.   Go to *Fire Web Operations*
21.   Go to *FMPC FTP Server*

22. Find your file you requested. The name of the file is found by looking for the default file n name that was given to you such as: *'wxobs72a!241403!01-JAN-1978!31-DEC-1998.fwx*
23. Go to the folder titled **FMPC**
24. Double click on the **FMPC folder**
25. It will show you a list of current files, find the name of your file
26. Download it to your harddrive
27. Also: the system will send you an email (to the address you gave it) when your request has been sent to the FTP server.